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## RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 24, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claim rejections based on the following remarks.

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